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Dear Commissioners,

Your new regulations concerning unbundled network elements should serve customers, not create local phone monopolies. Don't let SBC, Verizon and the "Baby Bells" mark up their wholesale services so high that customers have no choices for local service. Line sharing that allows other companies to economically offer high speed internet access is also essential.

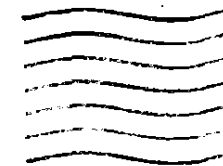
Allowing the Baby Bells to increase market power without strong regulatory oversight is a formula for disaster. In my view that is where your current regulations are headed.

Take strong action to protect customers: if we don't have strong regulation, we'll wind up with phone monopolies all over again, and I'll wind up paying more because of it.

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